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Asst Prof. Steven Castle in Chemistry & biology - mentored undergraduate Spencer Jones. Together, Spencer created a synthetic molecule from a plant, which had morphine-like structure. This discovery drew attention to Jones from Harvard, Cal-Tech, & Princeton Universities. He accepted offer from Princeton.

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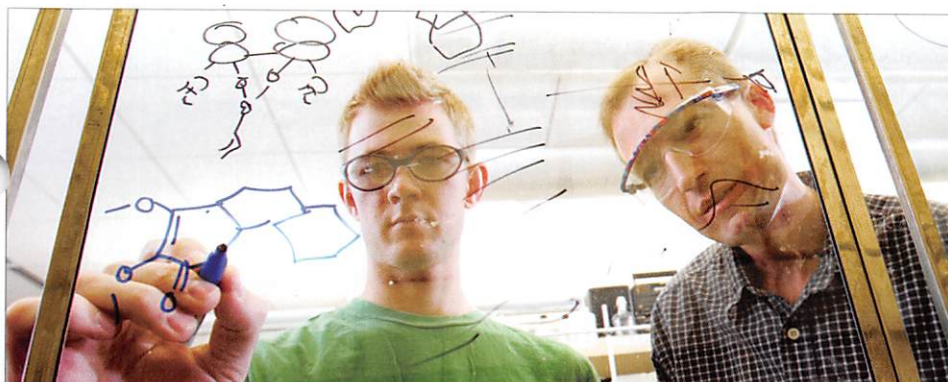
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## Student's Research Published in Top-Tier Scientific Journal



"Mentoring preps students for grad school by exposing them to situations and experiences," says BYU chemistry professor Steven Castle, right. Castle and then student Spencer Jones, left, coauthored an article that was published in the journal Organic Letters.

Thanks to his heavy involvement in a mentored research project, Spencer Jones is on his way to graduate school. Working with BYU faculty mentor Steven Castle, Jones helped create a synthetic molecule derived from a plant with a morphine-like structure.

"The experience I gained working alongside professors, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students will be invaluable in the realization of my academic and professional goals," says Jones, who fielded offers from Harvard

and Caltech, but decided to attend Princeton on fellowship.

Castle and Jones co-published their findings in the scholarly publication Organic Letters, a top journal in the field of organic chemistry.

Castle, an assistant professor of chemistry and biology, says it's noteworthy that Jones was an undergraduate at the time.

"Spencer did roughly 90 to 95 percent of the work on the project and is a great example of how mentoring

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President Cecil O. Samuelson says of fund-raising: "We make tremendous efforts to encourage and involve people of all financial walks of life in supporting the university. . . . Every contribution is significant and blesses the life of the giver as well as the recipient."

"I assure all donors that we will use donated funds, which we consider sacred, in the most prudent and careful way," he says. "Thank you again for all of your support."



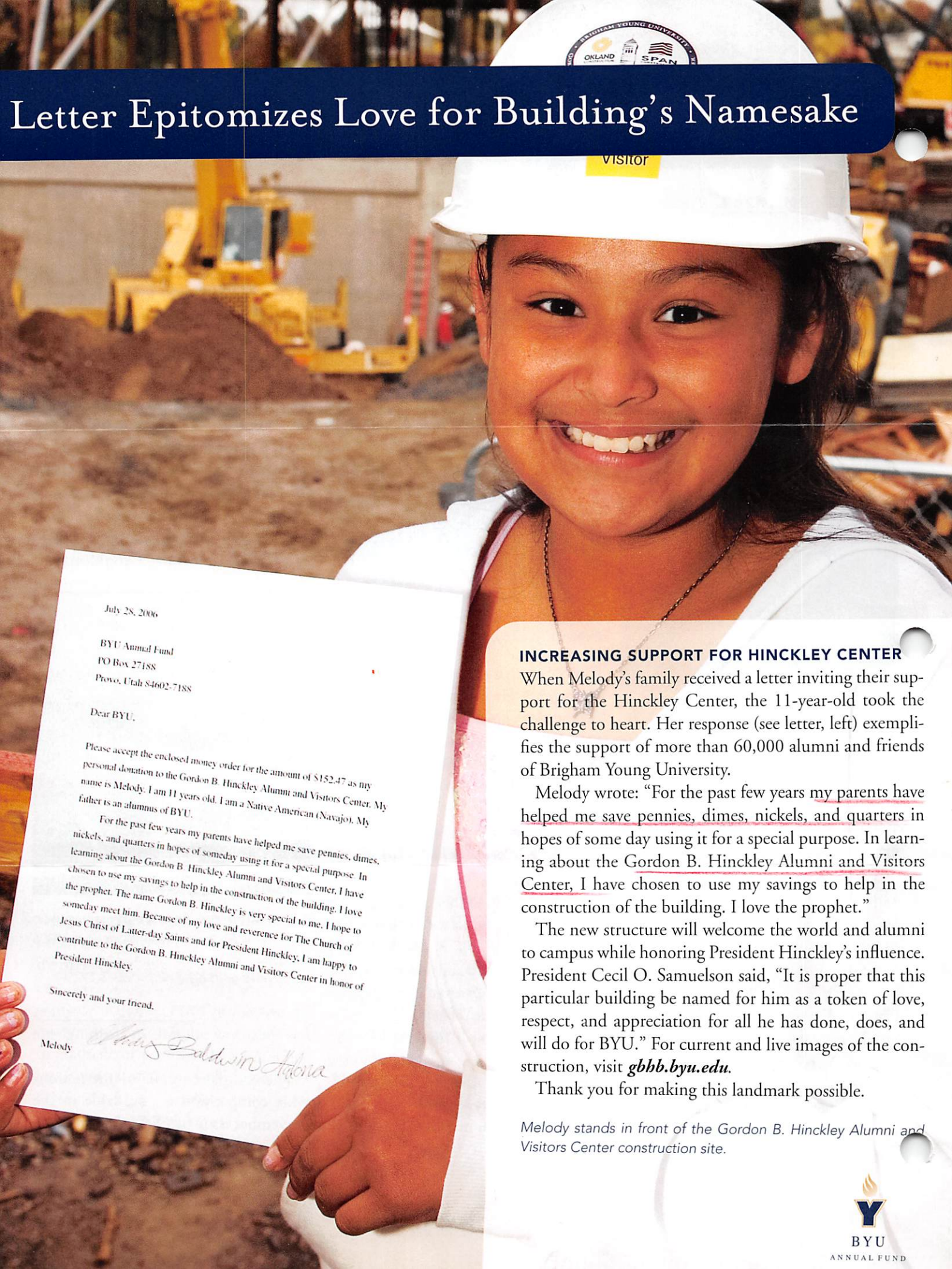
prepares students for grad school by exposing them to situations and experiences they wouldn't otherwise get," says Castle.

BYU's mentored learning initiative is funded through donations to the BYU Annual Fund and the BYU President's Leadership Council.

"Thanks to generous contributions, real students like me are given great opportunities to increase our knowledge and understanding in a wide variety of fields," says Jones.



# Letter Epitomizes Love for Building's Namesake



July 28, 2006

BYU Annual Fund  
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Dear BYU,

Please accept the enclosed money order for the amount of \$152.47 as my personal donation to the Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center. My name is Melody. I am 11 years old. I am a Native American (Navajo). My father is an alumnus of BYU.

For the past few years my parents have helped me save pennies, dimes, nickels, and quarters in hopes of someday using it for a special purpose. In learning about the Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center, I have chosen to use my savings to help in the construction of the building. I love the prophet. The name Gordon B. Hinckley is very special to me. I hope to someday meet him. Because of my love and reverence for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and for President Hinckley, I am happy to contribute to the Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center in honor of President Hinckley.

Sincerely and your friend,

Melody

*Melody Baldwin Adona*

## INCREASING SUPPORT FOR HINCKLEY CENTER

When Melody's family received a letter inviting their support for the Hinckley Center, the 11-year-old took the challenge to heart. Her response (see letter, left) exemplifies the support of more than 60,000 alumni and friends of Brigham Young University.

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The new structure will welcome the world and alumni to campus while honoring President Hinckley's influence. President Cecil O. Samuelson said, "It is proper that this particular building be named for him as a token of love, respect, and appreciation for all he has done, does, and will do for BYU." For current and live images of the construction, visit [gbhb.byu.edu](http://gbhb.byu.edu).

Thank you for making this landmark possible.

Melody stands in front of the Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center construction site.